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Newsletter

April 2008

UPCOMING & SERIES OF ON-GOING EVENTS !

Wonderful Opportunities for Women (WOW) We are once again preparing for a Wonderful Opportunities for Women (WOW) "Shopping Spree" that will be held **May 17, 2008**. This annual program is designed to assist women who are re-entering the workforce, after suffering from abuse, poverty, or having been victims of domestic violence, by providing them with professional attire. **Your help is needed!** Please inventory your wardrobe and bring us your contribution of **pre-hung clean, professional spring/summer suits and blouses**. We are also in need of accessories such as **shoes, purses, and jewelry**. Items may be dropped off at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, 8:30 am-5:00 pm.



Celebrate Earth Day
April 2008

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The East County Regional Recreation Advisory Board of the Department of Recreation
invites you to attend a **PUBLIC FORUM.....**

The NEW White Oak Recreation Center

to be built at April Lane near the intersection of Stewart Lane in White Oak.

When: **Thursday, April 10 2008 @ 7:00 pm**

Where: **East County Community Recreation Center
3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904**

Call 301-572-7004 or 240-777-4980 for directions



"Defining the Limit" East County Youth Event : An evening of free activities for youth will be held on **Friday, May 9th** at the East County Recreation Center, 3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring. The event will feature an **inspiring live drama performance by an exciting youth group from Arizona including Jazz, Hip-Hop dance & vocals**. The performance will highlight the path of lives devastated by the abuse of alcohol and drugs. The evening will conclude with a live Jazz on ensemble & games. Free refreshments will be offered and door prizes will be raffled. **For more information call 240-777-8400.** The event is being sponsored by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center, East County Recreation Center, Montgomery County Department of Police and MC Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

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Topics of Interest

- Update on Free ESOL classes at EMRSC.
- East County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Information
- The Peoples Community Wellness Center



East County Community Yard Sale returns! Starting May through October 2008,

the Community Yard sale will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center the **third** Saturday of each month, 9:00am-2:00pm. Proceeds from renting parking spaces will be donated to Eastern Montgomery Emergency Assistance Network (EMEAN). **Registrations commence April 16, 2008. Call #240-777-8400 for more details.**

Free ESOL Classes Offered in East County -

Beginner and intermediate classes in English For Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) are currently being held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. The classes are offered in partnership with the Chinese Culture & Community Center and are held on Friday evenings from 6:00-8:30 pm.



Free Income Tax Preparation (for Seniors and Moderate/ Low Income Residents)

ending soon ! Call 240-777-2577 from **9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mon - Fri.** for an appointment. **Silver Spring locations are :** **Eastern Montgomery Regional Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, 20904 (Bus #: 39)** Long Branch Library, 8800 Garland Avenue, 20901 (Bus #: 8) / Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Road, 20910 (Bus #13, 14, 22, Z's) / White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Avenue, 20904 (Bus # C8, Z2, Z3). **Burtonsville location :** Fairland Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, 20866 (Bus #: Z6, Z9).

(Sponsored by : **RSVP of Montgomery County, AARP, US IRS & MD Income Tax Division**)



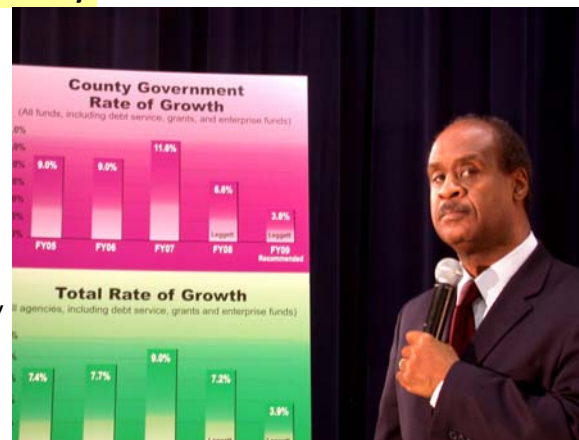
The Peoples' Community Wellness Center at EMRSC

A Cooperative Venture between the People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) & Mobile Med.

For questions, call TPCWC at
(301) 847-1172

Nearly 200 East County residents came to listen to their neighbors and County Executive Ike Leggett speak about county issues and to listen to residents about the concerns that they have. The focus of Mr. Leggett's presentation was the fiscal condition of the County and what he was doing to "get the County's fiscal house in order."

As a result of a slowing national economy, the huge problems in the housing market and sharp reductions in interest earnings, the County is facing a \$400 million dollar budget shortfall in Fiscal Year 2009. But our problems don't stop with a single year," said Leggett. *"We have a structural deficit that will only grow worse – unless we change course and do it now. I have taken a hard look at how to preserve essential services and continue significant productivity improvements while finding ways to cut costs. And, even with \$33.2 million in spending cuts this year, a freeze on hiring, \$122.2 million in reductions to FY09 requests by departments and agencies, and my six-year capital budget that increases only one percent – it's not enough,"*, the County Executive told his audience.



Several residents spoke about their concerns with the closing of the Police Activities League (PAL) program at the Good Hope Recreation Center, the one year delay of the Paint Branch High School renovation and the property tax increase. According to Leggett, *"I have always believed that County government must keep faith with those who pay the bills – our residents. We have an obligation to be honest with them about our challenges and be diligent about reducing spending where possible without critically affecting needed County services. Only then should there be talk about tax increases. That is the approach I have taken. I have worked to structure the increase so that it can be as progressive as possible."*

For more details about the County Executive's FY 2009 budget request please go to the [County's website](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/pio/budget_09.asp) or click here http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/pio/budget_09.asp

Partner of the Month

Featuring Volunteer Friends of The Eastern Montgomery Regional Center

This is the fourth of a series of articles to recognize the volunteers and partners of EMRSC



Polly Ganz has been an East County volunteer, providing much needed services to residents of East County for more than 10 years. She is currently Acting Director of the Eastern Montgomery Emergency Assistance Network, better known as EMEAN. She is also Vice President of EMEAN'S Board of Directors.

EMEAN is a member of Interfaith Works, formerly called Community Ministries of Montgomery County, providing assistance with expenses for housing, utilities, and prescription medication to qualified residents. Referrals for their assistance come from the county's Department of Health and Human Services, clinics, hospitals, congregations, and social workers. Criteria for qualifying include proof of income, expenses, and need. All congregations are invited to join in supporting this valuable program.

After retiring, Polly decided she wanted to use some of her time and skills giving back to her community. She learned of EMEAN through her church, Church of Resurrection, which is a member and supporter of EMEAN. She was interested in EMEAN'S mission of serving those in need and, in 1996, became one of five of its volunteers. Each volunteer takes responsibility for a day during the week to take referrals, review and determine their status, and authorize the release of funds. In addition to this, Polly established, and continues to edit, the program's semi-annual newsletter as well as writing and managing EMEAN's grants. Her computer skills have been an added asset in the program's administration

Polly was previously employed with the federal government as a Program Analyst. She has been a resident of Silver Spring for 21 years where she lives with her husband. We are very privileged to have Polly as a neighbor and friend in our community.

If you would like to help, you may mail your donation to: EMEAN, PO. Box 10474, Silver Spring, Maryland 20914.

How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!George Elliston

Burtonsville Fire Department - 2008 Summer Carnival is scheduled for September again this year. They are unsure if they will be able to use the same site on Fairland Road between Route 29 and Old Columbia Pike due to the construction for the Inter County Connector. If you have any ideas for property that may be used, please let them know! For more information, go to <http://www.burtonsvillevfd.com/new/new.cfm>

"SuperWoman Doesn't Live Here Anymore" - In honor of Women's History Month, Super Woman Doesn't Live Here Anymore, a motivational luncheon sponsored by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, was held on **March 29th** at the Center. The workshop was held to assist working professionals maintain a balance between their personal and professional lives. Keynote speaker, author and poet Barbara S. Talley spoke on the themes of *vision, values & virtues*. Her focus on how to live a more purposeful, balanced and harmonious life through clarity of personal vision and possession of a value system was very well presented. Some of her books shared at the seminar were, "Super Woman Doesn't Live Here Anymore," "On Track, On Fire and On Purpose," & "TalleyUp: The Excitement of Value-based Living." The audience of over 25 superwomen from various faculties were motivated by her teachings. Barbara has been offering motivational workshops for over 25 years.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS !

Burtonsville Community Forum for Candidates

Date : Wednesday, April 9th **Time :** 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Location : Paint Branch High School Cafeteria
Sponsors : Burtonsville Business Assoc., Paint Branch PTSA & Citizens Involved
Speakers : Congressional Candidates : Donna Edwards (Dem) and Peter James (Rep).
 County Council Candidates: Mark Fennel (Rep), Steve Kanstroom (Dem), Nancy Navarro (Dem), Don Praisner (Dem), Pat Ryan (Dem), Cary Lamari.

For more details call (301) 384-8888



Barbara S. Talley, speaker talking to Alfreda S. Payne, one of the attending member.

Montgomery County Council approves Special Election for District 4!

The Montgomery County Council has unanimously approved dates for special primaries and a special general election to fill the District 4 seat left vacant by the recent passing of Council member Marilyn Praisner. The resolution approved by the Council on February 19 established that special primary elections will be held **Tuesday, April 15** and that the general election will be held **Tuesday, May 13**. Regular absentee ballots for the primaries must be requested by Tuesday, April 8. Regular absentee ballots for the general election must be requested by **Tuesday, May 6**. For more information regarding the special primaries and election, call the Board of Elections at 240-777-VOTE (8683) or go to

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_details.asp?PrID=4313

Night of Jazz

at Fairland Community Center - Fairland Community Center is having a **Night of Jazz on Saturday, April 26th, 7:30pm - 10:30pm**. It is being sponsored by the Fairland Advisory Committee. The night will feature the Jazz Band "Common Ground," poetry readings, vendors (i.e. art, jewelry, purses, hats, etc.), and refreshments. The cost of the tickets is \$30.00 per person. For ticket information contact Germaine @ 240-481-3596, Diane @ 301-957-1282, Yolanda @ 301-655-9684 or Todd at 240-601-4154.



Police Station Open House

April 12, 2008
11:00am - 3:00pm
Montgomery County Police
3rd District, 801 Sligo Avenue

- ◆ Police Car and Motorcycle
- ◆ Firetruck
- ◆ Armored Personnel Carrier
- ◆ Humane Society Mobile Adoption Unit
- ◆ Recycling Information Table
- ◆ Moonbounce
- ◆ Car Seat Safety Van
- ◆ Station Tours
- ◆ Library Book Mobile
- ◆ Food, Fun and Goodies!!!

CLOVERLY DAY : Again East County businesses will host a day of fun activities for everyone in the community to enjoy on **Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**. There will be music, games, and food tasting, moon bounce, raffles, and much more that you will not want to miss. The event is free and is taking place at the Intersection of New Hampshire Ave. & Briggs Chaney Road.

Montgomery County Residents Encouraged to Volunteer For Earth Day Events; Leggett to Proclaim April "Earth Month"

- To help increase community involvement in environmentally friendly projects and enhance awareness of the importance of Earth Day, Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett has announced an expanded program of volunteer activities to be held on **April 26 and 27**. Because of the focus on environmental projects, Leggett also announced that he will proclaim April as "Earth Month" in Montgomery County. Read details at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=4402

County's Permitting Services to Require Licensing Information from Contractors : Beginning **April 1**, the Department of Permitting Services (DPS) will require all contractors applying for building permits for home improvement projects to provide their valid Maryland Home Improvement Contractor's license number before a building permit may be issued in their name. For more information, call the Department of Permitting Services at 240-777-6370 or the Office of Consumer Protection at 240-777-3636 or visit : http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=4377

Ride On's Annual Food Drive Has Switched to April; Donate Food and Take Ride On Bus for Free: All food donations, regardless of the number of cans, will be valued at the regular fare rate of \$1.35. Riders who wish to buy a Regional One-Day pass will need to add \$1.65 to the fare box. Residents who do not ride the bus but wish to donate food can participate by giving their donations to a bus operator at any Ride On bus stop; or they can bring donations to the Commuter Express Store, 8401 Colesville Road in Silver Spring; or the Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Mid-County, Silver Spring, **Eastern Montgomery** or Upcounty Regional Service Centers. Checks made out to Manna Food Center will also be accepted. Writing in "Ride On" on the "For" or "Memo" line in the lower left corner of a check will make it easier to track the success of the program. For bus stop locations or bus schedules, call the County's Transit Information Center at 240-777-7433; TDD/TTY 240-777-5869. Route and timetable information is also available on Ride On's web site at www.montgomerycountymd.gov, then click on "Ride On." Tokens and passes can be purchased online. Read more at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=4410





LIBRARY NEWS! Fairland Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866 Tel 240-773-9460

"Tell Me More" Language Learning Database Training: Saturday, May 17, 10:30 - 11:30 am. *Learning a new language?* Practice your speaking, reading, and listening skills with a free online database offered by Montgomery County Public Libraries. Class takes place next door to Fairland Library at the Fairland Community Recreation Center. **Registration required.** Call 240-773-9460. **To review the Fairland Library upcoming events and other learning programs go to Calendar of Events at:**

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=5>

White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 Tel 240-773-9555

Come and enhance your computer skills, English Conversation, African American Book Discussions and many more learning programs at the White Oak Library. For details, review **the White Oak Library -Calendar of Events at:**

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=20>



Employment Counseling- The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in cooperation with the Montgomery Works Career Development Center, provides employment counseling the third **Thursday of each month from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The next date for this is April 17.** For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 240-777-8400

Montgomery County Police encourage residents to communicate/Join County Gang Prevention Task Force

The Montgomery County Police Department has a Gang Tip Hotline available to report gang activity in Montgomery County. Call the Gang Tip Hotline at 240-773-GANG (240-773-4264), 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave an anonymous tip. We welcome the community's continued interest in this issue. Email questions or comments online to gangtaskforce@montgomerycountymd.gov
For more information, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/GangTF/index.asp>



Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center.
To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at
#(240) 777-2706

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)

Guests are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.

Our next ECCAB meeting will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on

Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 7:15pm

For questions please contact : Tel (240) 777-8400 / TTY (240) 777-8418

Speakers : Pradeep Ganguly, Director, Department of Economic Development will speak on East County Region Economic Development Projects.
Department of East County Recreation will update on White Oak Community Center

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FREE Compost Bins

available at EMRSC

Call 240-777-8400

M-F 8:30 am -5:00 pm

